

The result was announced—yeas 90, nays 3, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 275 Leg.]

YEAS—90

Abraham	Durbin	Mack
Akaka	Edwards	McConnell
Allard	Enzi	Mikulski
Ashcroft	Fitzgerald	Miller
Baucus	Frist	Moynihan
Bayh	Gorton	Murkowski
Bennett	Graham	Murray
Biden	Gramm	Nickles
Bingaman	Grassley	Reed
Bond	Gregg	Reid
Boxer	Hagel	Robb
Breaux	Harkin	Roberts
Brownback	Hatch	Rockefeller
Bryan	Hollings	Roth
Bunning	Hutchinson	Santorum
Burns	Hutchison	Sarbanes
Byrd	Inhofe	Schumer
Campbell	Inouye	Sessions
Chafee, L.	Jeffords	Shelby
Cleland	Johnson	Smith (NH)
Cochran	Kerry	Smith (OR)
Collins	Kohl	Snowe
Conrad	Kyl	Specter
Craig	Landrieu	Stevens
Crapo	Lautenberg	Thomas
Daschle	Leahy	Thompson
DeWine	Levin	Thurmond
Dodd	Lincoln	Voinovich
Domenici	Lott	Warner
Dorgan	Lugar	Wyden

NAYS—3

Feingold	Kerrey	Wellstone
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NOT VOTING—7

Feinstein	Kennedy	Torricelli
Grams	Lieberman	
Helms	McCain	

The conference report was agreed to. Mr. WARNER. Mr. President, I move to reconsider the vote.

Mr. LEVIN. I move to lay that motion on the table.

The motion to lay on the table was agreed to.

CHANGE OF VOTE

Mr. WELLSTONE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent to be able to change my vote to "no." It does not change the outcome, most definitely.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

(The foregoing tally has been changed to reflect the above order.)

Mr. WARNER. Mr. President, I cannot think of a stronger message that we as a body of the U.S. Government—the legislative body—can send to the men and women of the armed services in this hour of need throughout the uniform ranks, the reserve ranks, and the Guard ranks than this strong vote. It is a salute to each and every one of them.

I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Michigan.

Mr. LEVIN. Mr. President, I join the chairman in that sentiment. This is an extraordinarily strong vote for a Defense authorization bill. I think there were 90-plus votes for it.

MAKING CONTINUING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2001

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. FITZGERALD). Under the previous order, the clerk will read H.J. Res. 111.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A joint resolution (H.J. Res. 111) making further continuing appropriations for fiscal year 2001.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The question is on agreeing to the joint resolution.

Mr. WELLSTONE. Mr. President, I ask for the yeas and nays.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there a sufficient second?

There is a sufficient second.

The clerk will call the roll.

Mr. NICKLES. I announce that the Senator from Kansas (Mr. BROWNBACK), the Senator from Montana (Mr. BURNS), the Senator from Minnesota (Mr. GRAMS), the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. HELMS), and the Senator from Arizona (Mr. MCCAIN) are necessarily absent.

Mr. REID. I announce that the Senator from California (Mrs. FEINSTEIN), the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. KENNEDY), the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. LIEBERMAN), and the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. TORRICELLI) are necessarily absent.

I further announce that, if present and voting, the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. KENNEDY) would vote "aye."

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Are there any other Senators in the Chamber who desire to vote?

The result was announced—yeas 90, nays 1, as follows:

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Ashcroft	Frist	Moynihan
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Domenici	Lincoln	Voinovich
Dorgan	Lott	Warner
Durbin	Lugar	Wellstone
Edwards	Mack	Wyden

NAYS—1

Leahy

NOT VOTING—9

Brownback	Grams	Lieberman
Burns	Helms	McCain
Feinstein	Kennedy	Torricelli

The joint resolution (H.J. Res. 111) was agreed to.

Mr. CRAIG. Mr. President, I move to reconsider the vote.

Mr. LEVIN. I move to lay that motion on the table.

The motion to lay on the table was agreed to.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Michigan.

Mr. CRAIG. Mr. President, I thank Senator WARNER and Senator LEVIN for the fine work they have done on critical issues before us and, of course, on the DOD authorization bill.

MORNING BUSINESS

Mr. CRAIG. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate be in a period for morning business, with Senators permitted to speak for up to 10 minutes each.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

MIDDLE EAST CRISIS

A COUNTRY UNITED

Ms. MIKULSKI. Mr. President, I want to take 5 minutes at this time to speak on the events occurring in the world today.

I stand here with the melancholy that any Senator would feel as a result of the loss of lives of our U.S. military men and women due to a despicable act of terrorism.

I say to the terrorists: You underestimate the United States. Right now we are in an orderly constitutional process to begin the transition of the executive branch to a new leader. Do not think because we are beginning a transition that we are weak.

I say to the terrorists anywhere in the world: When any American is under attack, all Americans are under attack. We will check our party hats at the door. We will be united as one nation. I believe the Congress and the American people will stand as one behind President Clinton to aggressively pursue and punish the terrorists who have engaged in this despicable act. You might have gotten away with this one, but do not think again about the next hour, the next day, or the next week. The United States of America is coming after you, and we are all together on this.

In addition, to our friends in the Middle East: We are deeply troubled by the violence that is ongoing. A peace agreement was within reach. Indeed, it was fragile. We say now, please, take a timeout, end the violence, let's step back to see if we cannot come forward under the leadership of the United States as an honest broker to move ahead. We are plunging into chaos. Chaos only means further retreat. It means that maybe for years violence will continue.

We say: Please, Mr. Arafat, do not work behind the scenes; work on the front lines; end your violence.

To the people of Israel: We know that the first act is the act of self-defense. We understand that. It is human. Please, we ask restraint, and we ask all to come back to the bargaining table. Let's put down the stones. Let's put down the guns. Let's see if we can move forward.

I come back to what has occurred on the Senate floor today. I say to people